

The Stibnite Gold Project presents an opportunity for rehabilitation of the World War II legacy issues in the Stibnite Gold Project area. Issuing approvals for development of the gold-antimony mine will provide the needed environmental restoration of the area, with the use of private funding not federal or state funds. Perpetua's proposal to remove, reprocess and repurpose the legacy mine wastes will restore the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River allowing upstream fish and create additional environmental benefits.

This project will also reduce America's dependence upon importing a critical mineral, essential to the manufacturing of renewable energy and national defense equipment, from China, Russia, and other unreliable nations. Developing a domestic source of antimony as a co-product of the gold mining will also create high-paying jobs in Idaho as opposed to creating jobs in China Russia.

Thank you for allowing the public to comment on support for the Stibnite Gold Project, and specifically my comment of support for the project. The US Forest Service has spent 6 years analyzing the project and done a thorough job of tabulating and analyzing the data.

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